difference in prices, and he has admitted in his reply in Rajya Sabha on the 24th of April|Aug. 1989 that the company is charging about Rs. 4.50 per strip extra. This works out to Rs. 3 crores per annum. I would like to know from the hon Minister the exact time when he is going to realise this amount the figure which his debt has already got in his file. He has already replied in this House on the 24th of April|Aug. 1989 that this amount has been worked out. How he is saying today that it has not been worked out?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, all the amounts that have been worked out in the Ministry are tentative. They are tentative because full information, all the details are not available with us So, we have issued notice to the company to supply all the information, and the last notice has been issued on the 10th of this month itself. Therefore, we are awaiting the full information, all the details.

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: You have already calculated it and given this to the House. You have replied about it in this House.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, in the past the company was charging Rs. 12|- per ten-tablet strip. We have fixed the price later on, lowered the price. The company took shelter under the SSI. That is, they said that they are a small company and that they are manufeaturing it in their own factory in their own name. We have disputed that. We have not agreed. We have not accepted that figure at all. Therefore, we have issued the show-cause notice to the company. If they fail to give all the information, we are going to prosecute them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Implementation of drug prices

*3. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 88 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies have not yet implemented the reduced prices;

(b) if so, what is the implementaaion position of the prices of finished medicines of each company; and

(c) how many companies have not yet implemented the prices and what steps have been taken to get these prices implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) After fixation of prices of formulations based on 21 bulk drugs which have been recently brought under price control, certain review applications, under para 24 of the DPCO, 1987 have been received from the concerned drug manufacturing companies which are under examination. However, the companies are required to follow the price fixed by the Government, review petitions not withstanding. One company has however stated, that pending a decision by the Government on their review application, they are not implementing the Government's price and maintaining *status quo*. The company has been asked to follow the price fixed by the Government. Telegrams have been issued to the State authorities to as certain and report the compliance of the prices fixed to the Government.

पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में विमान सेवा में सुधार

*4. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) असम, अरुणाचल प्रदेश मेघालय, त्रिपुरा और मिजोरम के पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में विमान यात्रियों की संख्या को देखते हुए सरकार उड़ानों की संख्या बढ़ाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इन क्षेत्रों के अधिकांश यात्री समाज के मध्यम और निम्न आय वर्गों के हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इन क्षेत्रों में विमान सेवा को सस्ता बनाने तथा विमान यात्रियों की पहुंच में लाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री, साथ मेंनागर विमानन मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान) : (क) विमान क्षमता की भारी कठिनाई के कारण इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और वायुदूत इस समय उत्तर-पूर्वी क्षेत्र में अपनी उड़ानों में वृद्धि करने की स्थिति में नहीं हैं ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) उत्तर-पूर्वी क्षेत्र में हवाई किराये पहले ही शेष भारत के किरायों से लगभग 17% कम है। इसके अलावा, वायुदूत कलकत्ता और अगरतल्ला के बीच एक जनता सेवा भी चला रही है जिसमें लगभग 33% इमदाद का अंश है। इस समय किरायों में कमी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Overcharged amount on Glybenclnmide

*5. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Hoechst want to go court against the price fixaion of Glybenclemide;

(b) if so, when and what was the decision of the court alongwith the date of judgement;

(c) what was the price fixed and what was the price charged by the company per kg.;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the production of Glybenclamide;

(e) if so, what was the production of the bulk drug from the date of fixation of price till August, 1987;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has assested the amount overcharged on this drug and formulations thereof;

(g) if so, what was the rate of recovery and production of each taken into consideration; and

(h) what is the total amount recovered upto the 15th April, 1990 from the company on this drug and its formulations?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Writ Petition in respect of Glybenclamide was filed by M|s. Hoechst Pharmaceuticals Limited in the Delhi High Court on 1st February, 1984. The judgements in the Supreme Court cases including this case were delivered in April and May, 1987.

(c) A price of Rs. 2458/- per kg. was fixed for this drug on 17th November, 1983. The earlier price was Rs. 9800|- per kg.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The production of the drug from 17th November, 1983 till August, 1987 is given below:

Year	*Production (Tonnes)*
1983-84	1.05 (Production from 17th November, 1983 to end of March, 1984 is not separately available).
1984-85	0.97
1985-86	0.86
1986-87	1.30
1987-88	2.05 (Production from April, 1987 to August, 1987 is not separately available).